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A transparent gel air freshener and method of preparing the same. The gel composition comprises an aqueous gel, a fragrance, a surfactant and a co-solvent. The gel is transparent and free from visible particles and inhomogeneities, has a uniform texture and a continuous structure, and includes volatile scented components. The gel is capable of suspending solids such as botanicals therein for decorative effect. The method provides for preparation of a such a gel air freshener, including the suspension of botanicals therein, while maintaining the clarity, texture, and structure of the gel. The method includes the steps of preparing a gel composition and cooling the gel composition. Botanicals may be added to the gel composition when it has gelled enough to support the botanicals on the gel surface.

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